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1. SUMMARY : VIOLENCE, IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL BOMBINGS
AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, CONTINUES ON THE ISLAND OF
CORSICA. DURING THIS PAST WEEKEND, AN AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE
AND WINE DEPOT SUFFERED OVER 400,000 DOLLARS DAMAGE DUE TO
PLASTICAGES. THE FRONT LIBERATION NATIONAL CORSE CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH ACTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF DECEMBER 19, AN EXPLOSION
ROCKED AN AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF VENTISERI,
LOCATED FIVE KMS SOUTH OF GHISONACCIA, ON THE EASTERN PLAIN
REGION OF CORSICA. THE WAREHOUSE WAS DESTROYED AND ONE OF
THREE NORTH-AFRICAN WORKMEN RESIDING THEREIN WAS SLIGHTLY
INJURED. TWO TRAILORS, AN AUTOMOBILE AND VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL
MACHINERY WERE ALSO DESTROYED IN THE BLAST.

3. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER, A SECOND EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE
IN NEARBY GHISONACCIA.. SEVEN MASKED MEN, ARMED WITH MACHINE
GUNS AND HUNTING RIFLES, FORCED THEIR WAY INTO A WINE DEPOT.
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THE MEN OPENED THE VALVES AND THEN DYNAMITED THE CONTAINERS.
POLICE ESTIMATE THAT OVER 10,000 HECTOLITERS OF WINE WERE
LOST : IN ADDITION A BULLDOZER, TRUCK AND OTHER MACHINERY WERE
RUINED. TOTAL LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO MILLION
NEW FRANCS. THE TERRORISTS ALSO DESTROYED THE APARTMENT BELONGING
TO NORTH-AFRICAN WORKERS WHICH WAS LOCATED NEAR THE DEPOT.

4. BOTH ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH WERE ATTACKED ARE OWNED AND
MANAGED BY CHRISTIAN SIRJEAN, MODESTE LORENZO AND HENRI
LANGLOIS IN ASSOCIATION WITH RETIRED IRISH ADMIRAL, PETER O NEIL,
A RESIDENT OF PARIS. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACKS WAS CLAIMED
BY F.L.N.C. (FRONT LIBERATION NATIONAL CORSE): THE MASKED
MEMBERS OF THE AUTONOMIST GROUP PAINTED THE WALLS OF THE DAMAGED
BUILDINGS WITH F.L.N.C. SLOGANS BEFORE ESCAPING INTO THE NIGHT.

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